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APPLICANT'S INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

The purpose of this correspondence is to memorialize the substance of the telephonic interview with Examiner David Banh and Applicant's representatives, G. Gregory Schivley and Phil Du on December 22, 2010.

During the interview, Applicant argued that none of the cited references were directed to the same problems solved by Applicant by way of this invention. As set forth in paragraph [0009] of Applicant's published specification, in inkjet printing where one pass of droplets is used, there is a tendency for the ink to form ridges when they are exposed to curing radiation. These balls or ridges can produce undesirable glints on

the final printing surface.

The claims are all limited to inkjet printing. However, the primary reference to Sachs is directed to a totally different field of endeavor, e.g., roll coating, spraying, dip coating, and the like. In such processes, there are no individual droplets deposited on the substrate as in inkjet printing. Consequently, Sachs is completely devoid of any discovery of the problem solved by Applicant's invention, let alone a solution to the problem as claimed herein.

The secondary reference to Cleary fails to remedy the deficiencies of Sachs. While Cleary is related to inkjet printing, there is no disclosure of using multiple passes and partially curing the ink during the first pass so that the "layer of ink adjacent the substrate has a viscosity greater than the viscosity of an exposed surface of the ink" as called for, for example, in independent claim 29.

While no agreement was reached, the Examiner did indicate that he would confer with his Supervisors with the goal of advancing prosecution of this application. In any event, the Examiner indicated that he would call Applicant's undersigned representative before issuing the next Office Action.

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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